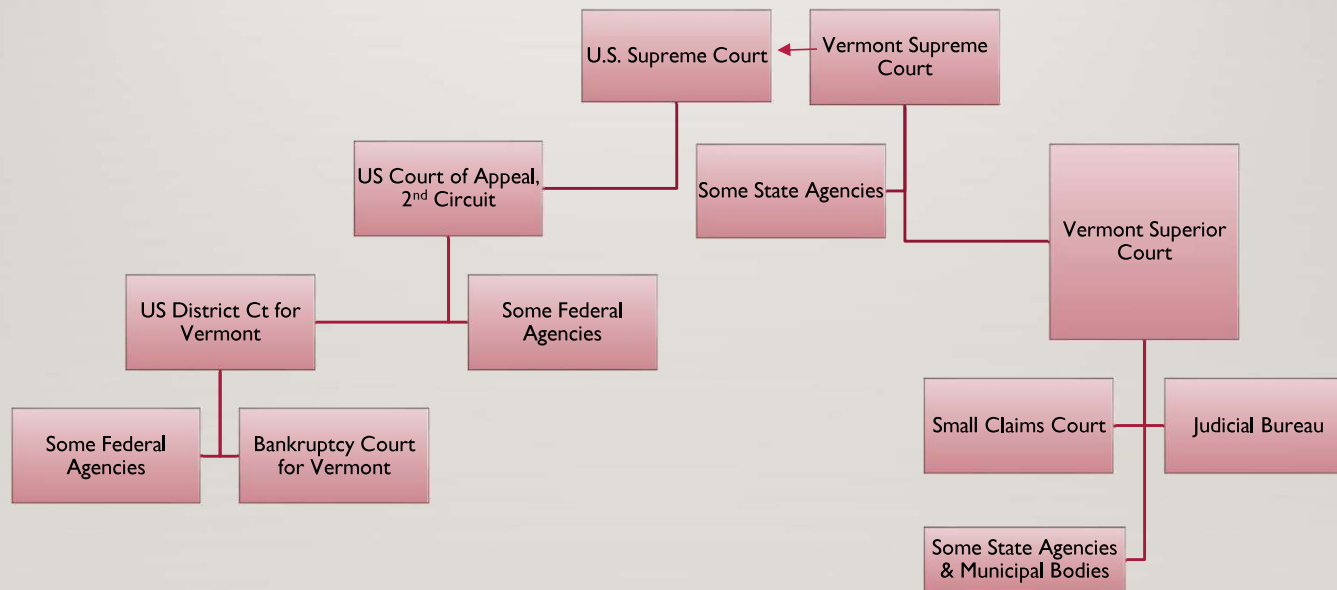


VERMONT JUDICIARY BASICS

PRESENTATION TO NEW LEGISLATORS

DECEMBER 2, 2022

STATE AND FEDERAL COURTS



VERMONT SUPERIOR COURT

EXAMPLES OF CASES IN VARIOUS DIVISIONS

Civil Division

- Evictions and Landlord/Tenant
- Mortgage Foreclosures
- Debt Collection
- Contract Disputes
- Stalking Orders
- Personal Injury Cases
- Medical Malpractice Cases

Family Division

- Divorce (including custody and child support)
- Parentage/Paternity
- Relief from Abuse
- CHINS Cases
- Juvenile Delinquency

Probate Division

- Administering Estates of People Who Die With or Without a Will
- Guardianship of Minors
- Guardianship of Adults (voluntary and involuntary)
- Adoptions
- Name Changes

Criminal Division

- Felony and Misdemeanor Charges
- Drug-Related Charges
- Driving Under the Influence
- Disorderly Conduct

Environmental Division

- Appeals from Municipal Zoning Decisions
- Appeals from Act 250 Rulings by District Environmental Commissions
- Enforcement of Certain Municipal Ordinances and Environmental Regulations

VERMONT SMALL CLAIMS CASES

- Claims for money (damages) up to \$5,000
- Instructions geared to Self-Represented Litigants
- Appeals are to the Superior Court Civil Division

VERMONT JUDICIAL BUREAU

- Traffic violations (tickets)
- Municipal ordinance violations
- Fish and wildlife violations
- Lead hazard abatement violations
- Non-criminal marijuana violations
- Burning and waste disposal violations

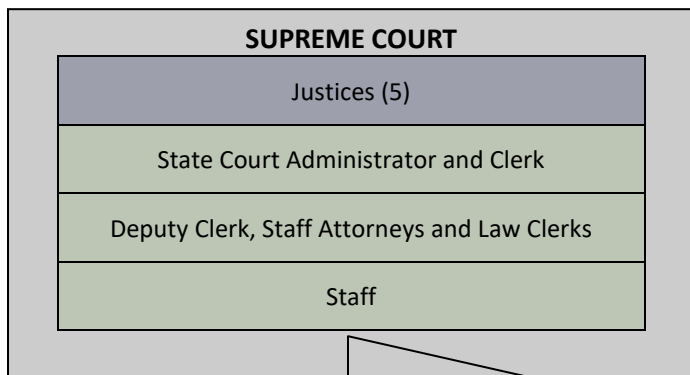
EXAMPLES OF STATE AGENCY MATTERS DECIDED FIRST IN EXECUTIVE BRANCH BEFORE COURT APPEAL

- Department of Labor: unemployment, workers' compensation, wage and hour disputes
- Department of Children and Families: benefits like 3SquaresVT, fuel assistance, Reach Up
- Department of Vermont Health Access: Medicaid
- Public Service Board: renewable energy siting
- Department of Taxes – State Appraiser (certain property valuation appeals)

EXAMPLES OF MATTERS DECIDED FIRST BY MUNICIPAL OR LOCAL BODIES BEFORE COURT APPEAL

- Board of Civil Authority: property appraisal for tax purposes
- Development Review Board: zoning determinations
- District Environmental Commission: Act 250 permits

THE VERMONT UNIFIED COURT SYSTEM



- Appointed;
Statutory Salary
- Elected;
Statutory Salary/Statutory Guidelines
- Judiciary Employee; Hired by Supreme Court or Designee
- Judiciary Employee;
Statutory Salary

